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1. SUMMARY. GKR DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR KOUN WICK GAVE
EMBOFF APRIL 27 HIS LATEST PLANS FOR HIS AFRICAN TRIP.
ONLY IVORY COAST, SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA ARE
DEFINITELY ON FIRST LAP OF TRIP, BUT GKR HOPES TO BE
ABLE TO WORK OUT VISITS TO OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES
WHEN IN ABIDJAN. MISSION WILL THEN RETURN TO PARIS
TO WORK OUT VISITS TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO VISIT SOUTHERN
AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF MALAWI, LESOTHO, BOTSWANA AND
SWAZILAND. GKR MISSION MAY CONTACT US EMBASSIES IN CASE
OF EMERGENCY. END SUMMARY.

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2. FORMER KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER KOUN WICK GAVE EMBOFF APRIL 27 HIS LATEST PLANS CONCERNING TRIPS FOR HIMSELF AND ROVING AMBASSADOR SUM VADHANAYU. THEY DEPART APRIL 28 FOR ABIDJAN, WHERE SUM WILL TALK WITH OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. KOUN WICK SAID CONTACTS AT HIS LEVEL WITH GOIC FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO BOTH. THEY WILL CHECK WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO SEE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY RESULTS FROM GOJ EFFORTS TO GAIN RECEPTION FOR THEIR UNOFFICIAL MISSION FROM GHANA AND NIGERIA. THEY WILL CHECK WITH KOREAN EMBASSY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE FOR VISITS TO ZAIRE AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. THEY WILL ALSO CONTACT UPPER VOLTAN EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A POSSIBILITY TO VISIT OUAGADOUGOU.

3. ABOUT MAY 2, THEY WILL GO TO FREETOWN; SIERRE LEONE EMBASSY IN LONDON GAVE VISAS AND INDICATED THEIR UNOFFICIAL MISSION WOULD BE WELCOME. THEY WILL THEN PASS THROUGH ABIDJAN ON THEIR WAY TO MONROVIA.

4. IF THE RESPONSES ARE FAVORABLE CONCERNING GHANA, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, OR UPPER VOLTA, THEY WILL WORK OUT VISITS TO SUCH COUNTRIES PROBABLY BEFORE RETURNING TO PARIS.

5. FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO PARIS, THEY WILL SOUND OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING CHAD, KENYA, ETHIOPIA, TUNISIA, UGANDA AND RWANDA. THEY ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED VISAS IN LONDON FOR THEIR VISIT TO MALAWI, LESOTHO, BOTSWANA, AND SWAZILAND, AND EVEN IF TRIPS ARE NOT POSSIBLE TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES, THEY WILL BASE THEMSELVES IN JOHANNESBURG FOR THEIR VISIT TO THESE FOUR SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THEY CONSIDERED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR VISITING ETHIOPIA WERE VERY DIM PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE INTERNAL POLITICAL TURMOIL. SUM THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO VISIT TUNISIA SINCE HE IS FRIENDS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MFA. HE EVEN HAD HOPES THAT TUNISIA MIGHT REVERSE OR AT LEAST PULL BACK FROM MASMOUDHI'S POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK.

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6. KOUN WICK ASKED WHETHER US GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT BE USED IN EMERGENCY IF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES WERE NOT AVAILABLE. HE WAS THINKING PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM ABIDJAN TO FREETOWN. EMBOFF REPEATED PHNOM PENH DCM'S VIEWS (PARA 8 REF A) THAT US PROMOTION WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN SOME COUNTRIES, BUT THAT WE WOULD ASSIST AS

POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

7. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THE ABOVE TO OTHER
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